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PROMOTING GREEN AND SMART PORT HUBS IN THE ADRIATIC SEA

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One Year of Progress: Key Milestones Achieved by PRESPORT

During its first year of implementation, PRESPORT partners have **worked intensively to build the foundations for a greener, smarter, and more resilient Adriatic port system.** Through close cooperation between Italian and Croatian ports and stakeholders, the project has already delivered important results that support the twin green and digital transition of the Adriatic port system.

THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE FIRST YEAR CAN BE SUMMARISED IN **THREE KEY MILESTONES**





MILESTONE

1.

Strategic Roadmaps for Decarbonisation and Digitalisation

PRESPORT has successfully delivered two major strategic outputs that provide a common framework for the future development of Adriatic ports:

>>> Cross-border Strategy and Action Plan on Port **Decarbonisation**

This strategic document defines a shared pathway towards climate-neutral and energy-efficient ports by 2035. It identifies priority actions including the deployment of On-Shore Power Supply (OPS) systems, the integration of renewable energy sources such as photovoltaic plants, the transition towards electric and hybrid port fleets, and investments in energy-efficient infrastructure. The strategy aims to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, improve air quality, and strengthen the environmental sustainability of port operations across the Adriatic basin.

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>>> Cross-border Strategy and Action Plan on Port **Digitalisation**

The second strategic output focuses on accelerating the digital transformation of Adriatic ports. The document promotes the development of interoperable Port Community Systems (PCS), advanced data-sharing mechanisms, Digital Twin technologies, AI-driven decision-support tools, and strengthened cybersecurity frameworks. By enhancing interoperability and digital resilience, the strategy contributes to more efficient, secure, and sustainable logistics chains throughout the region.

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Together, these two strategic documents establish a shared vision for transforming Adriatic ports into climate-neutral, digitally connected, and future-ready maritime hubs.

MILESTONE **2.**

Building Visibility and Cooperation Through Communication Activities



Communication and stakeholder engagement have been central elements of PRESPORT's first year. Following the objectives defined in the project's Multichannel OSI Communication Strategy, numerous dissemination and visibility activities have been carried out across institutional and social media channels.

A major milestone was the **High-Level Cross-Fertilisation Event "Digitalising the Road Last Mile for Ports and Multimodal Freight Terminals – Data Sharing and Interoperability for Efficient Freight Flows"**, held in Trieste on 25 March 2026, organized by the Port Network Authority of the Eastern Adriatic Sea in cooperation with the Friuli Venezia Giulia Autonomous Region and the Interporto di Trieste, and under the auspices of the EUSAIR Strategy.

The event brought together more than **100 participants** representing around **50 organisations** from the public, academic, and private sectors, including European institutions, managing authorities, port authorities, logistics operators, universities, research centres, and infrastructure managers.

The conference provided an important platform for dialogue on port digitalisation, smart logistics, interoperability, and sustainable transport systems. It also facilitated exchange and cooperation with several complementary European initiatives, including ACCESSMILE, MERIDIAN, MILEPORT, and ELODIE, strengthening PRESPORT's role as a catalyst for knowledge sharing and cooperation across funding programmes and governance frameworks. The event generated significant visibility through institutional publications, media coverage, social media campaigns, dedicated press activities, and six video testimonials featuring representatives from European institutions, programmes, regional authorities, and academia.

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MILESTONE **3.** Launching Capitalisation Activities at Adriatic-Ionian Level

Beyond producing project outputs and pilot actions, PRESPORT is committed to ensuring that its results generate long-term value for the wider Adriatic-Ionian region. This is the objective of capitalisation: transforming project knowledge, solutions, and experiences into transferable practices that can be reused, scaled up, and integrated into future policies and initiatives.

In March 2026, PRESPORT officially joined the capitalisation process launched by the **Interreg IPA ADRION** Programme through the Thematic Cluster on Energy Efficiency of Low Carbon Port Systems. The initiative brings together projects addressing common challenges related to **sustainable and low-carbon port development, creating opportunities for cooperation, exchange of experiences, and identification of complementary solutions.**

During the first thematic cluster meeting, PRESPORT was presented alongside other projects contributing to the green and digital transformation of the Adriatic-Ionian area. The discussion focused on how project results can move beyond individual partnerships and contribute to wider territorial impact, policy development, and macro-regional cooperation.



MILESTONE 3. Launching Capitalisation Activities at Adriatic-Ionian Level

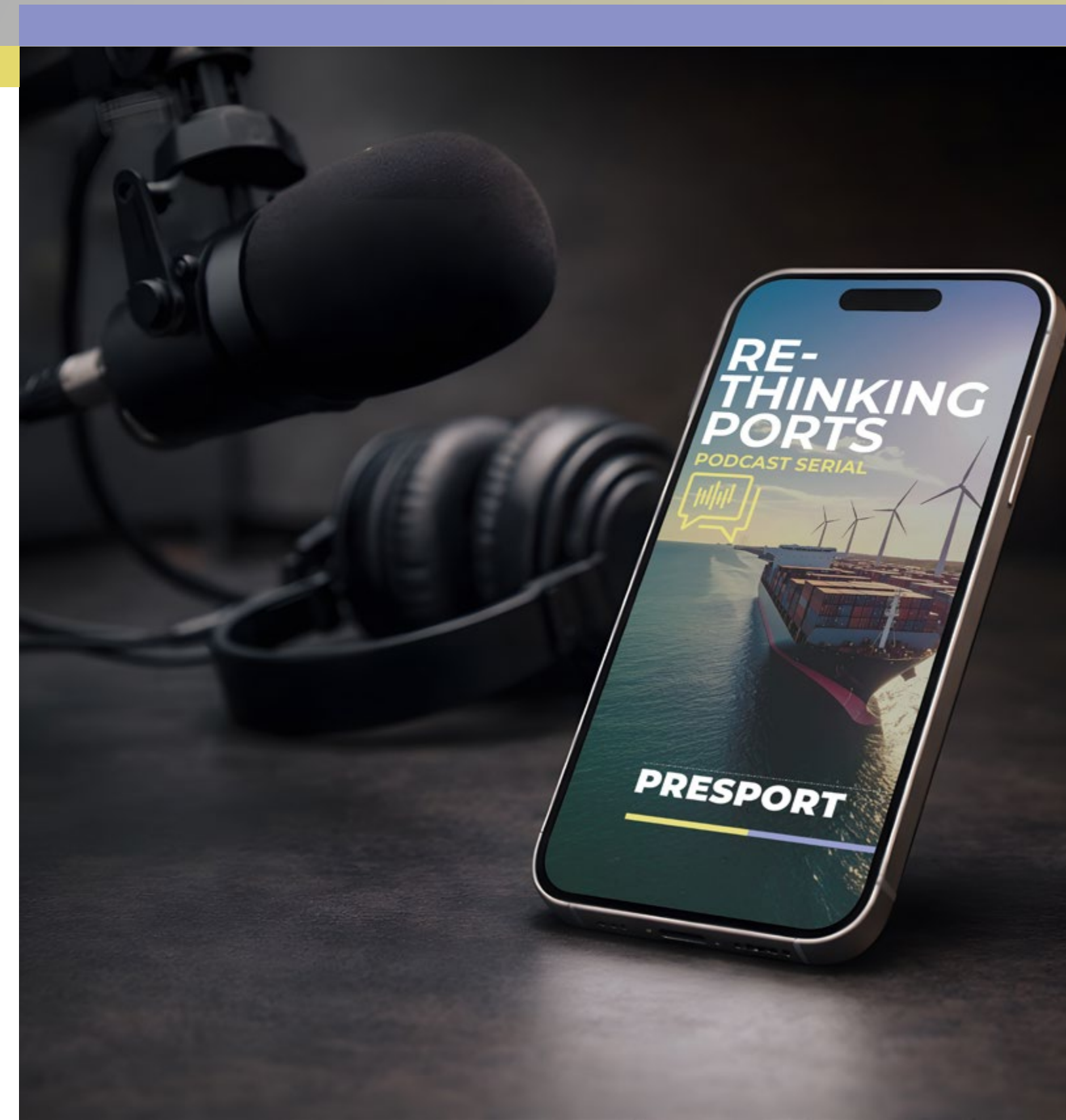
Participation in the IPA ADRION capitalisation process allows PRESPOINT to **connect with a broader network of initiatives, share its emerging results, explore opportunities for future cooperation,** and contribute to the uptake and transferability of innovative solutions for greener and smarter ports across the Adriatic-Ionian region.

This engagement further strengthens PRESPOINT's role as a strategic initiative supporting the long-term transition towards sustainable, resilient, and digitally enabled port systems. As PRESPOINT enters its second year, **partners will continue transforming these strategic foundations into concrete pilot actions** and investments, further supporting the development of smarter, greener, and more connected Adriatic ports.

PRESPORT Podcasts: Bringing Port Innovation Closer to Stakeholders

- >>> As part of its first-year communication activities, PRESPORT has also launched a **dedicated podcast series** aimed at making project themes and results more accessible to a wider audience. The podcasts **explore key topics related to port digitalisation, decarbonisation, innovation, territorial cooperation, and sustainable maritime development**, featuring insights from project partners, experts, and stakeholders.
- >>> The podcast series will continue as a **cross-cutting communication** activity throughout the entire project implementation period, providing ongoing updates on progress, pilot actions, and emerging challenges in the green and digital transition of Adriatic ports.
- >>> All PRESPORT podcast episodes are available on the **project's Spotify channel** and can also be accessed through the Insights section of the project website. Stay tuned for upcoming episodes and discover the voices, ideas, and experiences driving the future of smarter and greener Adriatic ports.

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